# MIDDLETON Front Page

October 2013



#### Tour: Waste Water Treatment Plant

Tuesday October 22, 2013 5:30 p.m. meet at City Hall 5:45 p.m. bus leaves

#### **Sidewalk Grant Applications**

The City of Middleton and School District co-authored five grants totaling \$593,500.00 to help pay to install missing segments of sidewalks, and anticipates learning in October 2013 which grants are awarded to Middleton.

"Thank you" to the following landowners who partnered with the City and School District on this project and conveyed property or easements to the City as a necessary part of the applications.

Walter and Marilyn Gerhauser John Olsen Joan Reed and Gordon Reed Robert Watson Rod Sproat

### DOWNTOWN ... It's Where Things are Happening!

The City of Middleton is committed to spending hard-earned property tax dollars wisely – to maintain and improve the drinking water and sewer systems, streets, parks, and the library.

Properties downtown have been taxed for decades but some do not even have paved streets. The City is committed to paving the dirt roads in town. Minot St. was paved earlier this year, and N. 2nd Ave. West and Whiffin Ln. need to be paved in the future. Below is the last City paving project this year.

Project:

Pave E. 4th, 5th and 6th St. North

Pave N. 1st and 2nd Ave. East

Pave Hawthorne between Minot Street and

N. 8th St. East

Cost:

\$94.520.74

Contractor: Performance Systems, Inc. (PSI) Schedule: 25-day project (Sept. / Oct. 2013)

Design is underway for road and sidewalk improvements on Concord Street and Willow Drive. Construction is scheduled for 2015.

#### Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation - High Five Grant

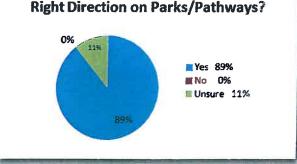
"Thank you" for supporting the City's Blue Cross of Idaho High 5 grant application. There are seven finalists and three winners will be announced at the Healthy Eating and Living Conference on October 3, 2013 in Boise Idaho. Mayor Taylor and Becky Crofts are attending the conference during which the grant winners will be announced. The grant application was written by Becky Crofts at the City of Middleton, Lisa Pennington at the Middleton School District, and Tina Wilson at Western Alliance for Economic Development.

## Middleton Connects City Parks Update

In May and June of 2013 the City invited City households by letter to attend one of the eight Middleton Connects Neighborhood meetings. Attendee's received an overview of the Middleton Connects vision and voted electronically giving opinions and insight on parks, streets, sewer and the future of Middleton. A total of sixty-six residents attended, their survey responses on City parks are found on pages 2 and 3.

Data was collected and tabluated by Community Planning Association of South West idaho

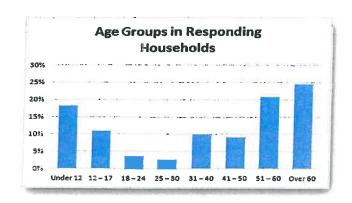
#### 89% Like the direction on City parks and pathways



#### **Survey Responses from Middleton Connects Neighborhood Meetings**

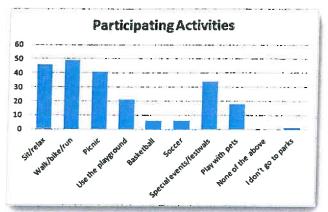
What are the ages of the individuals living in your household? (select all that apply)

Under 12	Respons	es
12-17	Percent	Count
18-24	18%	20
	11%	12
25-30	4%	4
31-40	3%	3
41-50	10%	11
	9%	10
51-60	21%	23
Over 60	25%	27
Totals	109%	110



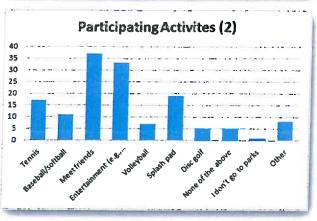
Which activities do you participate in when you visit parks? (check all that apply)

	Response	s ** **
0%/1	Percent	Count
Sit/relax =	21%	46
Walk/bike/run -	22%	49
Picnic -	18%	41
Use the playground —	9%	21
Basketbali 🦳	3%	6
Soccer —	3%	5
Specialevents/festivals ===	15%	34
Play with pets	8%	18
None of the above	0%	0
I don't go to parks	0%	1
Totals	100%	1222



Tennis
Baseball/softball
Meet friends
Entertainment (e.g.,concert)
Volleyball
Splash pad
Disc golf
None of the above
I don't go to parks
Other
Totals

Percent	Count
12%	1.7
8%	11
26%	37
23%	33.
5%	7
13%	19
3%	5
3%	5
1%	1
6%	8
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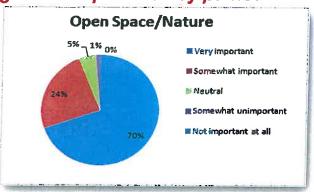


#### How important to you are each of the following benefits provided by parks?

#### 1. Enjoyment of open space/nature

Very important Somewhat important Neutral Somewhat unimportant Not at all important Total

Responses	
Percent	Count
70%	46
24%	16
5%	3
2%	1
0%	0
190%	



#### 2. Facilities for physical activity (playgrounds, sports fields, walking/running paths, etc.)

Very important Somewhat important Neutral Somewhat unimportant Not at all important Total

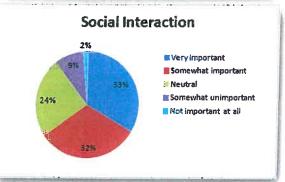
Responses	
Percent	Count
68%	45
23%	15
5%	3
2%	1
3%	2
100%	65

### **Physical Activity** 195 5% ■ Very important Somewhat important Neutral Somewhat unimportant Not important at all

#### 3. Opportunities for social interaction

Very important Somewhat important Neutral Somewhat unimportant Not at all important Total

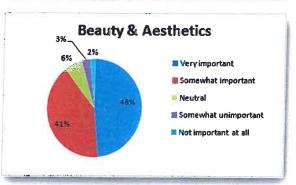
Responses		
	Percent	Count
	33%	22
	32%	21
	24%	16
	9%	6
	2%	1
	100%	f6



#### 4. Beauty and aesthetics

Very important Somewhat important Neutral Somewhat unimportant Not at all important Total

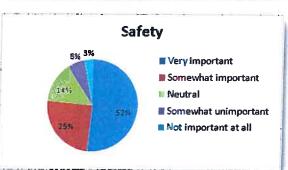
Responses	
Percent	Count
48%	32
41%	27
6%	4
3%	2
2%	1
100%	56



#### 5. Safety (e.g., cameras in parks)

Very important Somewhat important Neutral Somewhat unimportant Not at all important Total

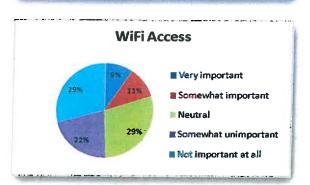
Responses	
Percent	Count
52%	33
25%	16
14%	9
6%	4
3%	2
100%	64



#### 6. WiFi access in parks

Very important Somewhat important Neutral Somewhat unimportant Not at all important Total

Responses	
Percent	Count
9%	6
11%	7
29%	19
22%	14
29%	19
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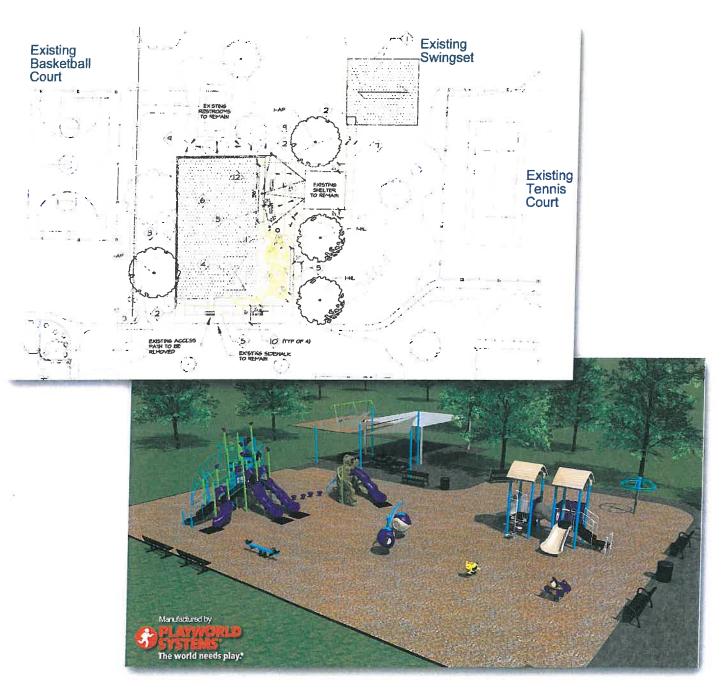


#### Middleton Place Park - Playground Upgrade

In January 2013 City Council approved the Middleton Place Park master plan, which showed the playground upgrade and pathway design as one of the first projects to be completed. The baseball field will not be removed and will continue to receive improvements based on community feedback.

The proposed design will create a larger main playground area, create a contained play surface under the existing swing set, correct safety concerns with equipment and playground design, allow proper drainage, create a smooth transition for ADA accessibility to all play areas including swing set, playground and picnic shelter. The equipment to be installed incorporates ADA play structures, adds sidewalk, and creates a fun gathering place.

Spring improvements include adding shade structures, bench seating, upgrading the bathrooms, drinking fountain and cameras for security and safety.



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